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MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Dee Brown, on March 30, 2015 at 4:08 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Dee Brown, Chair (R)
Sen. Robyn Driscoll (D)
Sen. Jedediah Hinkle (R)
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)
Sen. Sue Malek (D) (arrived after roll call)
Sen. Lea Whitford (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Roger Webb, Vice Chair (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Nadine Spencer, Committee Secretary
Rachel Weiss, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing and Date Posted: HB 483, 3/20/2015

Executive Action: HB 211, Be Concurred In As Amended
HB 460, Be Concurred In
HB 578, Be Concurred In

HEARING ON HB 483

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:58 Rep. Ed Lieser (D), HD 5, opened the hearing on HB 483, Raising pension benefit in VFCA.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:15 Jim Bjornemo, West Valley Fire Department
00:04:54 John Semple, Montana Fire Alliance (MFA)
00:05:39 Pat Keim, Baxendale Volunteer Fire Department
00:06:34 Harold Blattie, executive director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

[EXHIBIT](#)(sts66a01)

00:07:45 Sen. Malek entered the hearing.

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:08:46 Dore Schwinden, executive director, Montana Public Employee Retirement System (MPERA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:09:11 Sen. Kary
00:09:35 Rep. Lieser
00:10:28 Sen. Kary
00:10:39 Mr. Semple, MFA
00:10:52 Mr. Schwinden, MPERA
00:11:22 Sen. Kary
00:11:44 Mr. Schwinden
00:12:08 Chair Brown
00:12:31 Sen. Kary
00:12:44 Mr. Schwinden
00:13:02 Chair Brown
00:13:15 Mr. Schwinden
00:13:31 Chair Brown
00:14:04 Mr. Schwinden
00:14:23 Chair Brown
00:14:53 Mr. Schwinden
00:14:56 Chair Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

00:15:10 Rep. Lieser

00:17:56 Chair Brown

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 211

00:19:11 **Motion:** Sen. Kary moved that **HB 211 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:19:15 Chair Brown

00:20:09 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **HB 211 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(sts66a02)

Discussion:

00:20:19 Chair Brown

00:21:17 Rachel Weiss, Legislative Services Division

00:22:08 Chair Brown

00:22:21 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. Sen. Webb was excused.

00:22:36 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Kary moved that **HB 211 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. Sen. Webb was excused. Sen. Larsen will carry the bill.

00:23:05 Chair Brown

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 460

00:24:51 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Kary moved that **HB 460 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. Sen. Webb was excused. Sen. Hamlett will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 578

00:25:15 **Motion:** Sen. Kary moved that **HB 578 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:25:24 Sen. Kary

00:25:36 Chair Brown

00:26:02 Rachel Weiss, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:26:50 Chair Brown

00:27:08 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. Sen. Webb was excused. Sen. Brenden will carry the bill.

Committee Discussion:

00:27:27	Chair Brown
00:27:53	Sen. Kary
00:28:01	Chair Brown
00:28:25	Sen. Driscoll
00:28:40	Rachel Weiss, Legislative Services Division
00:29:02	Sen. Driscoll
00:29:15	Chair Brown
00:29:59	Sen. Whitford
00:30:23	Chair Brown
00:30:30	Sen. Whitford
00:30:49	Chair Brown
00:32:05	Sen. Driscoll
00:32:27	Chair Brown

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:40 P.M.

Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sts66aad.pdf](#))